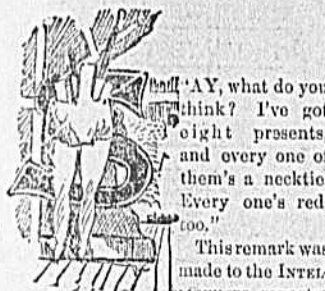


CHRISTMAS ON A STAGE.

A Pleasant Event Takes Place on the Stage of the Grand.

A UNIQUE, ENJOYABLE CUSTOM.

The Members of the Wilbur Opera Company Remember Each Other on Christmas—A Custom of Home Faithfully Followed Every Year.



"AY, what do you think? I've got eight presents, and every one of them's a necktie. Every one's red, too."

This remark was made by the INTER-LLIGENCER reporter last night by a member of the Wilbur opera company. It was on the stage of the Grand Opera House, just about an hour before the performance was to begin. The curtain was down, but behind the curtain there was the liveliest kind of a performance going on. A few minutes before the remark quoted was uttered, a long table, stretched the full length of the curtain, was literally groaning under the weight of a pile of packages two feet high. For the past twelve years Miss Susie Kerwin, the prima donna of the company, and Mr. Wilbur himself have made it a point to furnish as much enjoyment at Christmas time to the members of the company as it was possible to get.

Travelling theatrical companies know what it is to be far away from home at Christmas and to have the holiday recalled to their mind only by the extra work they are called upon to perform. For that reason the scene last night was unique, and it would have done any one's heart good to see the enjoyment the members of the Wilbur company got out of the custom religiously observed last night.

The company is composed of 46 members, of whom the great majority are girls. There they stood in a crowd in front of the table that bore their presents. The five ladies distributing the presents, Misses Susie Kerwin, Belle Hamilton, Edith Daniel, Maggie Bolton and Lillie Taylor couldn't work fast enough to suit the impatient girls, and several times the crowd almost broke down the fence which protected the table from being upset.

The five ladies soon made the pile dwindle, and in a short time the girls had their arms loaded with packages, and were hunting a place to put them. Miss Dorothy Morton was especially popular with all the members of the company. Every now and then disappearing with an armful into her dressing room, she would return for a fresh supply.

"Oh, Mr. Wilbur," she cried to the manager, who was standing in the wings talking to the newspaper men, "I've already took four loads upstairs." Miss Morton caught the sorrowful glance the reporters cast upon her, and continued:

"I said, 'I have took,' Mr. Wilbur. Did you catch onto it?"

Miss Morton received sixty-two presents from the members of the company, and had already received the day before by express four handsome diamond rings and a magnificent diamond bracelet.

There was not a member of the company that did not get several presents. Everybody had remembered everybody else, and many were overjoyed at receiving presents from home, which had come by mail and express.

"I'm already dressed for the performance," said one young girl, pirouetting about the stage in a short dress, and with an armful of presents, "but I don't know whether I can play to-night. I'm so excited."

Miss Kerwin's dressing room was so full of articles that it was almost impossible to turn around without upsetting something. "And they're nearly all from members of the company, too, and I value them the more." Eight or ten members of the company had clubbed together and presented the popular prima donna with a magnificent silver mounted alligator skin traveling bag. Mrs. Fredrick's offering to Miss Susie was a lovely lace handkerchief, entirely the work of her own hands, and on which she had been employed since last August. But Miss Kerwin not only received presents, she also gave, and all the employees of the theatres the company plays in, from the highest attache to the call boy, will receive from her a Christmas token, she having sent out 250 presents. Mr. Wilbur presented her with a \$500 diamond ring.

The Greatest Surprise.

In the list of presents received by the members of the Wilbur company there were several pleasant surprises, but it is safe to say that the greatest surprise of all was the one which Mr. J. Clarence Duffly and Miss Mary Rebecca Allen, two members of the chorus, gave the whole company when they produced a piece of paper on which was written words to the effect that Right Rev. John J. Kain, Bishop of Wheeling, had united the two in the holy bonds of matrimony. The couple went to Clerk Hook's office yesterday forenoon and secured a license, and at 1 o'clock p. m. they repaired to the Episcopal residence on "Thirteenth street, where Bishop Kain pronounced the words which made them man and wife. According to the information given to Clerk Hook when they got the license to do so, Mr. Duffly was born thirty-one years ago in Washington City, and Miss Allen ten years later in Shelbyville, Ky. Neither claimed any residence. Both were on the stage as usual last night.

Should Have Held His Tongue.

Officer Moran last night threatened to arrest a young fellow in the Fifth ward, who was pranking around with a set of false whiskers on his face. Louis Laue called to the fellow not to go along with the officer, and Barney dropped his prisoner and captured Laue, after chasing him a square. He was locked up.

Beware of Frauds.—Be sure you get the genuine Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It cures Colds, Croup, Asthma, Deafness and Rheumatism. d&w

Dr. L. L. Sherrod, specialty, Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose.

These Dear Little Ones.

Edw. L. Ross & Co. have received their third invoice of Christmas try-cycles. This time it is the dear little wheels for the dear little girls.

READ Stifel & Co.'s ad.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH's elegant Faust beer on draught to-day at Seibert's Garden.

WHEAT & HANCHER sell Watches the lowest. They guarantee all prices.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Matters of Minor Moment in and About the City.

POULTRY is plenty.

MATINEES at both theatres to-day.

THE GRAND this evening—Wilbur Opera Co.

OPERA HOUSE this evening—Lizzie Evans in "Miss Prue."

The city clerks, firemen and police were all paid off yesterday.

The Madison school pupils postponed their proposed Christmas entertainment.

Runner boots are the proper present for a small boy this year instead of the legendary sled and skates.

JAMES SMITH and **F. Broadwater** were arrested last night for fighting on Market street by Officer Creighton.

The electrical cars looked like freight cars yesterday, they were so loaded down with parcels and marketing.

At the Grand the first half of next week the popular and successful melodrama, "109," will be the attraction.

All the indications are that the only ice supply in this part of the country next summer would be of the artificial variety.

YESTERDAY every letter carrier was ex-officio a Santa Claus, and all had big packs. They were tired enough to resign last night.

Work progressed on the Main street bridge yesterday as usual, but the bad weather necessarily renders the progress that can be made very slow.

The McKinley bill has scored another good point. Confectioners say that sugar is so cheap this year that it does not pay to adulterate candy.

CHARLEY SPEERS, a young farmer up Caldwell's run, had his hand badly cut in a feed chopper yesterday. Dr. Campbell put a couple of stitches in the wound.

OFFICER CREIGHTON yesterday arrested Frank Williams, a drunk, at the Baltimore & Ohio depot. Officer Terrell arrested a disorderly, who refused to give his name.

At Beethoven hall the glass cutters and engravers' local union No. 58, A. F. G. W. U. gave a grand ball last night. Everything ran smoothly and the attendance was large.

The Bachelor club, which is about to disband, gave the last ball of its career in its hall on Main street last night, and it was a big and brilliant social event. Kilmyer furnished the music.

The postoffice will observe holiday hours to-day, and all other public offices will be closed, as will private business to a large extent, and to the largest extent for at least a part of the day.

CHRISTMAS trees have been arranged for the children under their care by the sisters in charge of both the North Wheeling orphan asylum and St. John's Home for Boys, on Thirteenth street.

Among the successful balls last night was one by the Lilac social, at Westwood's hall, a masquerade by the Lily social at the South Side Turners' hall, and one by the Potters' union, at Tontonia hall.

Very enjoyable entertainments were given by the pupils of the Fourth ward schools yesterday, and most of the schools will have some sort of a performance by way of observance of the holiday season.

C. E. VAN KEUREN had in front of his hotel on Twelfth street yesterday five blocks of artificial ice, in which had been frozen flowers, fish, fruits and lots of other good things. It made a great and almost unique display and attracted much attention.

Last night the Knights of the Golden Eagle gave an enjoyable ball at Turner hall. The attendance was large and an orderly and genial crowd danced till after midnight. A drum corps marched about town in the evening with a transparency advertising the ball.

Shopping in the rain was the order of exercises last night, and the streets could scarcely have been more crowded had the weather been good. Men sold toys and candy out in the cold world, and an Italian boy got his dates mixed as badly as the weather clerk has, and celebrated by putting off a lot of Fourth of July fireworks.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks About.

F. L. Emory, of Morgantown, is at the McClure House.

Clyde Ford is home from his studies to spend the holidays.

Will Baird has returned home from medical college to spend the holidays.

Mrs. C. M. Alford has been ill for several days, but is now able to sit up.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowry Beck, of Staunton, Va., are here for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. W. C. Etzler, of Pittsburgh, will spend Christmas with his parents on the Island.

George P. Morris and wife, formerly Miss Emma Robrecht, are visiting Mrs. Morris's parents.

Miss W. A. Ross, of Parkersburg, stopped at the Behler last night on her way to Pittsburgh.

Gerd Naylor, of the Island, is home from college at Washington, Pa., to spend the holidays.

J. S. Furbree, of Mannington, and **John D. Sweeney**, of Concord, were at the Windsor yesterday.

Miss Julia McEntee, who is employed in the office of the Fostoria glass works, is home for Christmas.

Mr. Jesse Hall is home from Staunton, Va., for Christmas, and he says he likes Wheeling best yet.

E. B. Bodley arrived home from Chicago to spend the holidays with his parents on Fifteenth street.

Mr. John H. Brown, an old resident of Wheeling, now of McKeesport, is at home for the holiday season and is looking well.

Mr. George Whittaker, a former resident of this city, now secretary of the furnace company at Principio, Md., is home to spend the holidays.

Thomas Sweeney is home from Washington and Jefferson college to spend the holidays. Mr. Maxwell, of Washington, is his guest for a few days.

Miss Georgie Collum, the charming guest of Mrs. J. M. Weistling, left for her home in Philadelphia yesterday, to the regret of her numerous friends.

J. R. Jackson, of Parkersburg; **E. J. Slater**, of Macdonald; **R. L. Hedin**, of Grafton; and **B. L. Conaway**, of Fairmont, were registered yesterday at the St. Charles.

H. O. Blake, of Kingwood; **G. B. West**, of Sistersville; **H. L. Scrafton**, of Morgantown; **C. C. Meredith** and **F. W. Pierpont**, of Fairmont, were registered at the Stamm yesterday.

T. J. Gribble and **J. F. Barrick**, of New Martinsville; **Thomas Dougherty**, of Montgomery; **H. Huffman**, of Grafton; **Owen Francis**, of Fairmont; **T. B. Hamilton** and **J. B. White**, of Hundred, and **C. B. Crites**, of Grafton, were among the West Virginians registered yesterday at the Behler.

Without doubt the most wonderful remedy for pain is Salvation Oil. It sells for 25 cents.

TWO HOUSES IN LUCK.

Mr. George House, of House & Herrmann, Surprised

BY HIS EMPLOYEES LAST EVENING.

A Fine Banquet and a Picture Given him at the Hotel Windsor—Another Presentation Sprung on the Party. Mr. C. A. House, the Music Dealer, also Receives a Surprise.

There was a very pleasant surprise at the Hotel Windsor last evening, the recipient being Mr. George House, of the firm of House & Herrmann. He was informed by his friend, Mr. Clark Hamilton, that he had made an engagement at the Windsor, and he asked Mr. House to accompany him. In the private dining room upstairs he found eighteen of the employees of the firm gathered, and a most tempting banquet spread and almost waiting for his presence to complete the complement of banqueters. At half past ten the feast began, and it was not till after midnight that the very complete menu was finished. Then one of the guest arose and brought from another room a magnificent pastel portrait of Mr. House, made by Tappan & Connel. It was neatly framed and rested on an elegant easel. It was formally presented with a speech, which was, like everything else connected with the occasion, all that could be asked for such a speech. It was a model of presentation oratory. The speaker, in expressing the esteem of the employees of the firm for Mr. House as an employer, took occasion also to say that all felt for him in addition a warm personal friendship. Mr. House was equal to the occasion, as he is to most occasions, and responded feelingly and gracefully. This presentation over, Mr. Willis White arose, and producing a superb gold-headed cane, gave it with appropriate remarks to the book-keeper, Mr. E. A. Cameron, on behalf of the collectors of the firm. Mr. Cameron was also taken by surprise, but he managed to make his acknowledgments in a very creditable way.

Those who were present enjoyed the evening most thoroughly. Among them were Messrs. House, Hamilton, Cameron, John House, Leon Cavillier, Dave White, Charles House, Harry House, Willis White, George Krait, George Christlieb and others. The menu was a fine one, as can be seen below:

Oysters on Half Shell.
Cream of Celery.
River Jack, Claret Sauce.
Chow Chow.
Escalloped Oysters, New Orleans Style.
Asparagus Tips.
Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
French Peas.
Sweet Potatoes.
Roman Punch.
Chicken Salad.
Cold Lamb.
Cold Tongue.
Vanilla Ice Cream.
Fruit.
Cake.
Crackers and Cheese.
Coffee.

Mr. C. A. House Surprised.

"What's in a name?" Most people say nothing, but it seemed last night that there was good luck in the name of House. Mr. C. A. House, the well known music dealer, was given a very pleasant surprise last night at the close of business for the day. All his employees, including salesmen from Pennsylvania and Ohio, gathered in the store, and Mr. T. J. Smith, the city salesman, in a neat and effective speech, presented Mr. House, on behalf of his employees, with a very handsome and costly diamond ring, as a token of their esteem and friendship for their employer. Mr. House was quite overcome by his emotions for a time, but finally recovered his composure and managed to respond in a manner becoming the occasion. All wished each other a merry Christmas and many happy returns.

Presentation to Lieutenant Gaus.

Lieutenant George Gaus was presented last night with a handsome reclining chair by John Shaughnessy, Bob Cline and George Connolly, of the chemical engine house. The lieutenant says the chair looks so inviting it makes him feel like lying down every time he sees it. The boys made the chair themselves.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

In the Fifth Ward Yesterday Afternoon—A Perfect Jam of People With Money.

As had been announced market was held in the Fifth ward yesterday afternoon instead of Friday morning, as is the usual custom, owing to the fact that to-day is Christmas. There was a good attendance of the sellers, many people who do not regularly attend having something to sell. The rush of buyers was almost unprecedented in the city, and it was evident that all had money for the big baskets that came out well filled was a caution. Men, women and children were buying, and there did not seem to be many things that anybody could want on Christmas that could not be bought there, from a turkey to a baby doll.

The crush was so great that one could scarcely move around among the market-baskets and turkeys and bread and cakes which people were carrying away. Some of the women were pushed to the wall and had to wait for a temporary lull in the rush of buyers to be able to get out of the crowd. It looked as if everybody in the city was there at one time or another. Many people, after they heard about the crush of buyers, went down simply to look on, and the scene was really worth walking several squares to behold. All the cars of the electric road were filled with the market-baskets and their marketing going home.

The growing patronage of the city markets by people from Benwood, Bellaire, Martin's Ferry and other neighboring towns was very notable yesterday. Many familiar faces of the out of town people were to be seen in the bustling throng. As the facilities for reaching the city grow better this out of town marketing keeps pace with it, and many a time produce or other goods is hauled through one of those towns to the markets here, and then taken back by purchasers from the same town.

PENDLETON-CRAWFORD.

A Notable Wedding Ceremony at the Bride's Residence.

The marriage last evening at the residence of the bride's parents, at 1104 Eoff street, of Mr. J. C. Pendleton, of Baltimore, and Miss Annie E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Crawford, was a notable event in the best Afro-American society of Wheeling. There were a great many guests present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Brooks, pastor of Simpson M. E. church, assisted by Dr. George W. Bryant, of Kentucky. The bridal party was led in its entry to the parlor by Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, followed by the two maids of honor, Misses Hazel Clemens and Beulah McCullough, and Mr. Joseph Verse, of this city, the groom's

best man, and Miss Palmer, the bride's maid, followed them, followed in turn by the bride and groom. The strains of the Mendelssohn wedding march were played on the organ as they came in.

The bride looked charming in navy blue, bedford cord, and Miss Palmer's costume matched hers. After the ceremony a big wedding supper was served, to which all did full justice. At 12:30 Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton left on the Baltimore & Ohio for Baltimore, where they will reside.

The presents were unusually numerous and fine, and the congratulations and well wishes showered on them were sincere and innumerable.

A BOLD ROBBERY

Committed on a Barnesville Citizen at the B. & O. Depot.

Mr. J. B. Lee, a merchant of Barnesville, Va., became acquainted suddenly last night with one variety of the Wheeling citizen. Mr. Lee had arrived in the city with his family on the way to Pittsburgh to spend Christmas with friends. The 6:20 train for Pittsburgh was late, and leaving his family in the Baltimore & Ohio depot, Mr. Lee walked out to enjoy the fresh air. A genial young man stepped up and engaged the Barnesville merchant in conversation. Mr. Lee was much interested, but was quite surprised when his interlocutor snatched at his watch chain, got his watch and a piece of the broken chain and started off.

The merchant did not lose his presence of mind, but hurried into the depot and notified the ticket agent. The latter immediately telephoned to police headquarters and Chief McNichol and Officer Lukens were soon at the depot. The man was arrested in a few moments, and the watch was found in his pocket. He was immediately taken to Squire Arkle, identified by Mr. Lee, and committed to jail. His victim wanted to go to Pittsburgh, and left a bond of \$100 to insure his appearance as a witness. Squire Arkle still has the watch.

The thief gave the name of John Wilson. He is a tough citizen and has been in the hands of the police before. Later in the evening Officer Wilkie arrested a vag named McGuire, who is said to be a pal of Wilson.

KILLED ON THE PEWIKY.

A Man run over by a Freight Train and his head cut off Yesterday.

Yesterday an unknown man, presumably intoxicated, fell on the Pittsburgh, Wheeling & Kentucky railroad track just above Glenn's run, and lay there unobserved by anybody, till the up freight passed. His neck lay on one rail, and of course there could be but one result. His head was cut off, and his body otherwise terribly mangled. The body was not found until the down freight came along some time after, when it was removed from the track and the crew of the train brought word of the accident to the authorities in this city. There is no clue to the identity of the dead man except a letter in his pocket addressed to James Strain, at Benwood, and a business card of John Nolan, also of Benwood. It is evident that he had recently been at Benwood, but whether he was Strain could only be conjectured.

The First Engine.

The Ohio Valley railroad is now built to a point below Pipe creek, and the first engine passed over the Pipe creek bridge yesterday. The ties, rails, etc., have had to be hauled in wagons heretofore, but the work of completing this line as far as Powhatan will now proceed more rapidly, as the material can be taken down on cars.

REVERIES of bachelors used to contain an alloy of painful anticipation on account of sleepless nights with the prospective baby, but Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup has made all that part a joy forever.

READ Stifel & Co.'s ad.

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DR. A. S. TODD'S LIVER PILLS are mild, but prompt in relieving constipation, sick headache, bilious attacks, pain in the region of the kidneys, torpid liver, and in restoring a healthy, natural action to the stomach and bowels.

DERBY Silver Plated Ware 20 per cent lower than any other.

H. F. HILLMAN & CO.

Buy Christmas Fruit Cake at the Wheeling Bakery.

Get rings from Jacob W. Grubb.

CALL and see the Norwegian Transparent Enamel Souvenir Spoons at I. G. DILLON & CO.'S. They are entirely new and beautiful.

Get charms from Jacob W. Grubb.

DOCTORS? Pshaw! TAKE BEECHAM'S PILLS.

DIED.

WURSTER—On Thursday morning, December 24, 1891, at 12:40 o'clock, Mary, wife of the late John Wurster, in her 72d year.

Funeral services at her late residence, No. 416 Market street, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend. Interment at Mt. Wood Cemetery.

LUNSFORD—On Wednesday, December 23, 1891, at 2 o'clock p. m., Miss ANN M., wife of the late Louis Lunsford, in her 50th year.

Funeral services at the family residence, Leathewood, on Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Friends of the family invited to attend. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

MYERS—At the family residence, No. 1536 Main street, on Thursday, December 23, 1891, at 4 p. m., BEATHA, wife of F. C. Myers, aged 61 years.

Funeral notice hereafter.

ENLOW—At Helena, Mont., on Friday, December 18, 1891, MARY R. ENLOW.

Funeral notice hereafter.

The price of Wolff's Acme Blacking is 20c. a bottle, and it is cheap at that. It costs more to fill a bottle with Acme Blacking than other liquid Dressings cost complete for the market, including fancy boxes, artistic stoppers, and other paraphernalia. We sell the Blacking—not the package.

As it is our desire to sell ACME BLACKING cheaper if possible, but find ourselves unable to do so owing to the present cost of making, we hold a prize of

\$10,000

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